

HAD BEEN GONE FORTY-TWO DAYS.

The Boy and the Gun Item.
NEWARK, Ohio, Nov. 14.—Clarence Rodgers, aged 8 years, while taking a gun to the house pointed it at his 4-year-old sister Florence, who ran out to meet him, and fired. The lead tore away the entire left side of her face, killing her almost instantly.

Explosion of a Gas Generator.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 14.—The explosion of a gas generator at *Acme* last Wednesday afternoon injured the following men, who were badly burned: Benjamin Caldwell, manager; William Howell, engineer; John H. Smith, assistant manager; Thomas Miner, fireman, may die; Charles Smith, roller.

near Blue Lick, several months ago they turned up destructively in Floyd county, new vast numbers of plants are overrunning the vicinity of Watson, and destroying corn crops and everything else eatable. They have cleaned out several farmers. The rats are bold and show fight when attacked. Ferrets are to be brought here to clean them out.

HE PROVED FALSE TO HIS TRUST

Overrun with Rats.
JEFTERSONVILLE, Ind., Nov. 14.—Some months ago, armies of rats devastated crops near Blue Lake, several months ago they turned up destructively in Floyd county, now vast numbers of rodents are overrunning the vicinity of Watson and destroying corn crops and everything else eatable. They have cleaned out several farmers. The rats are bold and show fight when attacked. Ferrets are to be brought here to clean them out.

Killed by an Elevator.
CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—August Hantk, a workman employed at 352 State st., was killed by the elevator at that place this morning. He was horribly mangled. The body was taken to Kline's undertaking establishment at 143 Monroe street.

The Baltimore on Trial Again.
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14.—The new government cruiser Baltimore started down the river yesterday on her second official trip. This trial trip will last four days.

IS GERMANY BACKING THE SCHEME?

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—The British Relief committee has requested Capt. Wiseman to dispatch at their expense and with all possible speed, a caravan to the relief of Henry M. Stanley and his party.

Twenty Miners Entombed.

BERLIN, Nov. 14.—By the caving in of a pit in a coal mine at Ribbör, Prussian Silesia, twenty miners were buried. There is no hope of saving any of them.

Wheat Cash, 3½c, December 87½c. May, 87½c. Corn—Cash, 35c, December, 64½c; January, 3½c. Oats—No 2 cash, 30½c. Clover seed, 3½c. Hay—No 2, 27½c. December, \$2.7; February, \$3.83.

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Wheat—No 1 white cash, 3½c, No 2 red cash and November, 35c, December, 87½c; May, 87½c. Corn—No 8 cash, 6c; November, 57½c; December, 58½c. Oats—No 2 cash, 30½c; No 2 white cash, 31c.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1899.

COOLEY VS. DESPATCH.

There is a great deal of gule in The Despatch, so much that it cannot see the simplest matters with as much distinctness as they would strike a blind man. A few days since it took occasion to charge Jeff. Davis with treason anew and then turned the old fellow over to the democratic papers for castigation. We did not think that the people were satisfied that the democratic papers would lash Davis as viciously as it ought to be done, so we took the liberty to pass him over to a republican for punishment. For our honest course in this matter The Despatch says that we evidently grew warm under the collar. Now why did it say so? The Review was not even to the trouble of piling on the lashes. A good republican did that work, and evidently in a way that brings the tears to The Despatch man's eyes. But The Review must insist that it had no occasion to grow warm. It was a mere spectator. The whole scramble was turned over to other hands, and so nothing remained for The Review's feelings but to go down to the zero point of indifference.

But The Review did have a little racket with The Despatch about the idea of the war and the results that were determined by it. In its original article South State broke loose upon the community something after this fashion:

"Now it has been agreed that the question involved in the war was that of the sovereignty of the states. The result determined that a state was not superior in power to the nation."

This sentence was immediately followed up by another to the effect that now comes Jefferson Davis "24 years after the surrender of the confederate armies, and the pettiest episode of that gentlemen," and takes to make a declaration in a question of constitutional law. The fair inference was that The Despatch regarded all months as forever closed on constitutional questions by the result of the rebellion. In other words, somebody had got whipped and there was nothing for him to do but lie in some out of the way corner. If all this did not look like a declaration of the omnipotence of brute force, we would like to see some statement that does. We objected to the use of the word "power" in such a connection. It meant brute force as it was used, and we insisted that the Union soldiers fought for something nobler.

Now The Despatch comes along and says that when it used the word power it meant constitutional power. At the same time it complains because The Review did not pitch into Davis as it had into Gen. Chamberlain. Now in what did Davis offend consist, even as the case was made out by The Despatch? He said that something was unconstitutional. Probably The Despatch would argue that such an assertion is treason, because the nation possesses all constitutional power. We take it this is what is meant, but there can be no certainty about it, for one might read The Despatch's latest editorial for a month without being able to fix its position beyond a reasonable doubt.

Now does the general government possess all constitutional power? If such is the case it must be supreme in all its branches. The property of infinity does not attach to a part of any body. If the general government has all constitutional power, it is at once becomes infinite, and none of its parts can do an act that is legally wrong. In this view of the case every act of congress must be constitutional. In other words, our national legislature is not engaged in the work of making statutes. It is like the English parliament, and our president, like the English king, can do no wrong. Such a position, for a party that has just finished an anti-English campaign, shows to what heights impudence may soar.

But this is not the idea of the American people. We have a supreme court that sometimes may say, congress has gone beyond its power. This court has said that the general government possesses only such powers as have been delegated to it by the states. Illinois still floats at the head of her arms the old words, "state sovereignty," and Illinois is running over with patriots.

The Despatch in commenting upon its own words, "the result of the war determined that a state was not superior in power to the nation," says:

"We assumed in saying so that the idea that a state is superior to the nation and upon which Davis bases his opinion that a protective tariff is unconstitutional, was exploded by the success of the union armies."

Now what is meant by that word "superior"? Is it supremacy that is intended? Perhaps The Despatch is of the opinion that the general government may act as it pleases, independent of any rights the states may have. No such result was determined by the war. The rebellion was fought to demonstrate that the states did not have the right of secession. The omnipotent supremacy of the powers at Washington was not determined. We still have constitutional questions, which means that we have the right to look upon the work that congress does, which means that the representatives are the people's servants. In some matters the states are supreme, or superior as The Despatch likes best. This supremacy, this sovereignty, a much stronger word, was not "exploded by the success of the union armies."

And now what becomes of the Davis outrage? He said that certain laws were of questionable constitutionality. And when we turn him over to Judge Cooley for punishment we find that they are both of the same mind, and here is where The Despatch gets angry. It would like to impeach Judge Cooley. It says that he was appointed a civil service commissioner by Cleveland. The record shows that he was appointed a member of the State Com-

missioner. The law required that a certain number of republicans be put on this commission, and Cooley went on as one of the republicans, and so we insist that he is a republican still, let that add what it may to his authority on questions of constitutional law. If Davis is guilty of treason in bringing in question the constitutionality of the tariff laws, laid for protection, so is Judge Cooley. Here we are willing to let the case rest. It is Cooley against The Despatch on a question of constitutional law. We bespeak for the former at least as close attention as shall be given to the latter. Cooley's opinion was formed from study of the question. The Despatch's notion was born of prejudice about everything southern. Which is the more reliable?

MODERN PATRIOTISM.

The Illinois senators have been snubbed so long that they have about reached the point where they must fight. They have retreated as far as the corner of the wall, and they must now strike back or be driven into the earth. Cooley and Farwell would unite in recommending some man's appointment to a position in Illinois, and Harrison would at once conclude that the fellow named was a very bad man. And there would come an appointment of some man who was not so unfortunate as to possess a speaking acquaintance with the Illinois senators. These senators at last concluded to make a grand, final test case. They united in naming Mr. Campbell for collector of the port at Chicago. Farwell lives in Chicago, and he is naturally wanted to see if he might control the federal appointment in his own ward. If he could not, he was willing to regard himself as a hoodoo. He brought Cooley into the ward to try their combined strength or weakness, he wasn't sure which. Harrison wants to appoint Editor Nixon, and will do something of the kind or back down without his colors.

The Chicago Herald says that Harrison has in his possession a letter from Farwell, which says:

"I have but one recommendation to make for collector of the port in my city. I know, the office, the party in this city and state, and the men. If I am not competent to name a fit person for collector of customs, perhaps I had better resign and let a senator be appointed who can make recommendations pleasing to yourself."

Whether or not the president has such a letter, he knows that the above expresses Farwell's sentiments, however much it may be off as to his intentions. There will be no resigning, but there will be a fight in the senate that will win the sympathy of old Andy Johnson's spirit. Now what is all the fuss about? It is probable that Harrison has concluded that it would add to the honor of the family, if he should succeed himself. To stand the least show of doing this, he must get the republican nomination in 1892. He would like to get the delegation from Illinois. Cooley hasn't been in the habit of expressing his gratitude in this fashion. The Illinois delegates did not go to Arthur, although he had been kind to the Illinois senators. And again, Cooley thinks he is a standing candidate for the republican nomination. Taking all these things together, Harrison has concluded that he will have to make a following for himself in Illinois. The republican way of doing this consists in a patriotic distribution of the offices. And this is what Harrison is at. Now the Illinois senators will lead a revolt in the senate, and contractions promise to be the stumbling block in the way of the general anxiety to serve one's country. Patriotism promises to be a turbulent and harrassing virtue for the next few months.

But whoop it up, gentle republicans. We expect some sort of a farce from you fellows, and maybe you will be good enough to give us a whole scene. During the present reign statesmanship will take a little vacation. "Make it as exhilarating as possible. Cut each other's throats from ear to ear, and don't forget to tell us that you are only saving the country. Your little jests may come very nearly the truth."

When the cold wave flag was hoisted a few days since Capt. DeWitt C. Stockley telegraphed to Washington that frost would interfere with his engagement. As a result the cold wave was obligingly sent into Missouri, and only balm-laden zephyrs were allowed to toy with our prima donna's whiskers.

When Herald readers are seeking to account for the absence of further specials in that paper they should not fail to remember the placard that hangs in the Western Union office. Thereby hangs a great deal of grief.

Isn't it about time to put some clothes on that infant affidavit? Get something that will hide the kid's figure as that is the guiltiest part of it.

News About Town.
 It is the current report about town that Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs is making some remarkable cures with people who are troubled with coughs, sore throat, asthma, bronchitis and consumption. Any druggist will give you a trial bottle free of cost. It is guaranteed to relieve and cure. Trial bottles are 50c and \$1.

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ADRIEL'S CARPET STORE.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. yesterday, relayed by G. C. Caldwell, secretary Decatur Grain Co.:

WHEAT—Dec. 31c; Jan. 31½c; May, 33½c.
 CORN—Dec., 33c; Jan. 31½c; May, 33½c.
 OATS—Dec., 20c; Jan. 20½c; May, 23½c.
 PORK—Nov. \$9.57; Dec. \$9.40; Jan. \$9.32.
 LARD—Nov. \$5.57; Dec. \$5.50; Jan. \$5.55.
 RICE—Nov. \$5.55; Dec. \$5.15; Jan. \$4.80.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:
 Live Stock—Hogs, 50,000; market slow and steady. Cattle, 15,000; market steady. Grain—Wheat, 100,000; market steady. Spring Wheat, 147; Corn, 125; Oats, 108.
 Blue figures at Mayor's Furniture Store.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SALE

OF Ladies' Wash Underwear.

LOT 1, CHOICE 10 CENTS.
 Children's Muslin Drawers, all sizes, with deep Hem and Cluster Tucks. Six worked Buttons Holes, Lock Stitches, Full edged Seams, only 10c a pair, worth 20c.

Heavy Twilled Walrus, made as you would make them at home, finished with Felled Seams and worked Button Holes, only 10c worth 20c.

LOT 2, CHOICE 25 CENTS.
 Ladies' genuine Fruit of the Loom Drawers, with Yoke Bands and Tapes, all sizes, 25c.
 A magnificent assortment V-Shaped Corset Covers, trimmed with deep Hamburg Edging and heavy Torchon Laces, all sizes, "it guaranteed, only 25c, worth 50c.
 Children's Lace Trimmed and Ladies' Torchon Trimmed Undershirts, 25c.
 Children's Fine Hamburg Trimmed Drawers, made from Fruit of the Loom Muslin, all ages, from 2 to 14 years, 25c.

LOT 3, CHOICE 30 CENTS.
 Ladies' Chemises, with Solid Yoke, fine Tuckings and all over Embroidery, all sizes, 30c.
 Ladies' Fruit of the Loom Drawers, Trimmed with heavy Lined Torchon Lace and Hamburg Edgings, with clusters of Tucks, 30c.

LOT 4, CHOICE 50 CENTS.
 Ladies' Night Gowns, with solid yoke of Tuckings, and clusters of Tucks, and Hamburg Insertions and Edging, 50c, worth 75c.
 Ladies' Extra sized Skirts, with deep Hamburg and Cambrie Flounces and clusters of Tucks, 50c, worth 75c.

Elaborately Trimmed Corset Covers, handsome patterns, 50c.
 Ladies' Drawers, with Hamburg and Torchon Lace Edging and Insertion, with two clusters Tucks, 50c.

Infants' fine Cambric Slips and Short Dresses, 50c.
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 The prettiest line of Chemises ever shown at 50c.

LOT 5, CHOICE 75 CENTS.
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The opportunity was presented us for securing a line of standard, first class garments, at prices far below the wholesale cost. The same opportunity is now offered our lady patrons to secure these goods at one-third and in many cases at one-half the usual retail prices. An early examination of this immense display is requested.
 LAM & SONS, CO.

Maskerade Ball.

The Pastime club will give a maskerade ball at the armory on Nov. 15. The admission will be 50 cents. Ladies will be admitted free.

Ride is the name of a new western Colorado town and the Star patriot is the style of its newspaper.



Four Years on Crutches.

For fifteen years I was afflicted with rheumatism, four years of which I was compelled to go on crutches. Words are inadequate to express the suffering I endured during that time. During these fifteen years of existence I was almost blind, I could not walk, I could not stand, I could not sit, I could not lie down. I finally began on Swift's Specific, and in a short time I was able to walk, to stand, to sit, to lie down. I am now enjoying the best of health and am a well man. I can truly believe that Swift's is the best blood purifier on the market to-day.
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GENERAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Harsha was at La Place yesterday morning.

R. G. Poddecord came down from Chicago last night.

Miss Myrtle Greene left last night for Boston, Mass.

C. B. Prescott was at Monticello yesterday afternoon.

Erastus Black, of Blue Mound, was in the city yesterday.

Elijah Walker was a visitor yesterday to Decatur from Macon.

John Good, of Bearsdale, made this review office a call yesterday.

Ollie Shank is sick with scarlet fever at her home, 903 East North street.

Mrs. H. I. Miller is entertaining her sister, Mrs. A. W. Hope, of Alton.

Mrs. F. H. Davis returned yesterday to Peru, Ind., after a short visit here.

J. Blanchard, a resident of Blue Mound, was a visitor yesterday to Decatur.

George Gibson, of Macon, was here yesterday going home from Delaware, O.

Mrs. Mary T. Lathrap is at the Hotel Brunswick during her stay in Decatur.

E. R. Sayles and A. A. Wicks, of Springfield, were in the city last night.

Elder Hiram Buck and wife returned yesterday afternoon from a visit at Chicago.

The sale of seats for Comed's Opera company Monday night begins this morning at the box office.

Hon. A. J. Lester, an attorney in the United States treasury department, was in the city yesterday.

Rev. C. F. Jacobs, of Iowa, was in the city yesterday a few hours, to visit his sister, Mrs. Belle Steele.

C. W. Turner, of Ansley, Neb., who was formerly agent of the I. D. & W. at this point, is visiting in the city.

Mrs. Warfield and son, W. C. Warfield, of Cerro Gordo, returned yesterday, after a visit in Decatur of two days.

Mrs. J. Burkey, of Lamar, Mo., has been visiting her brother, Henry Munsley. She will remain three or four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Will R. Walker, of Pierre, Dak., are guests of their brother, I. D. Walker, and family, on Macon street.

Mrs. T. T. Kimball, of St. Louis, arrived in the city yesterday for a visit with her brother, Frank Persons, on Prairie Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Gorin and daughter, Miss Gusdie, and Mrs. R. E. Pratt, left for Chicago last night to remain several days.

Miss Maggie Dryer, of Leavenworth, Kans., a missionary, delivered a lecture Wednesday night at the German Methodist church.

B. H. Cassell, who is a Mason of 40 years standing, left Wednesday evening for Peoria to attend the meeting of the Masonic Consistory.

Hon. D. R. Walker, of Springfield, a member of the legislature, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Heidel. He will leave today for St. Louis.

Rev. J. K. Kost, of Pindlay, O., has been in the city two days. He stopped off while going to St. Louis, to see his old time friend, Rev. W. H. Prestley.

W. M. Vredenburg, representing the Boston Quintette Club, and J. P. Harris, representing Lloyd's "A. T. M. Soldier," were at the St. Nicholas last night.

Benjamin F. Crawford, of Philadelphia, cashier for the Pennsylvania Central railroad company, is in the city, the guest of Senator Johns. He is on his way to New Orleans.

Mrs. Robert Tullis has gone to Crawford, Neb., to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Fred E. Kahan, who died on Tuesday. The maiden name of the deceased was Lotte Baxter.

Mrs. J. E. Saxton returned from Terre Haute, where she has been a week on a visit. She was summoned by the illness of both her husband and brother, Thomas Wainwright.

W. H. Knight has gone to Chicago, Chicago to complete final arrangements with Swift & Co., dressed beef men. On his return he will open the new meat market in the Library building.

Mrs. James Kestler, of Mt. Pulaski and Mrs. J. W. Bigger, of Austin township, are guests at the home of D. Patterson, on North Church street. The latter lady has just returned from a visit in Iowa.

Mrs. George B. Steele returned yesterday evening from Farmer City and Leroy, where she went to inspect the Women's Relief Corps. To day she will go to inspect the corps at Danville, Homer, Gibson City and other places.

Mrs. F. W. Haines has returned from Atlanta, Ga., where she has been visiting for a month and where she attended the marriage of her niece, Miss Ethel Snyder. Her nephew Ed Snyder accompanied her home and will visit in Decatur.

Col. D. H. Conklin and wife returned Wednesday night from a six weeks visit in the east. Mr. Conklin will give his attention now to settling up the receivership of the old Illinois Midland. He cannot get the matter into court before January.

Woman's State Teachers' Association.

The second annual meeting of the association will be held in Bloomington from 7:45 p. m., November 28, to 12 m., November 30, 1899. A most interesting and profitable program will be offered, including the following names: Thursday evening, a lecture by Dr. Richard Edwards, on "The Dangers and Defects of the Public Schools." Friday evening, Dr. H. H. Reifeld, on "Manual Training." The Doctor will exhibit pupils' work from his school to illustrate the lecture. During the remaining sessions Mrs. Col. Parker will talk on the "Delicate System;" Miss Mary E. Burt on "The Gift of the Muses;" Prof. Graham, of the Illinois Wesleyan University, on "Science for Young Pupils;" Mrs. Eudora Hallman, of La Porte, Ind., on "Significance of the Kindergarten Idea;" Miss Louise Baumbarger, of Greenville, on "English Composition in the Public Schools."

Enthusiastic Lincoln Democrats.

Last Tuesday night the Andrew Jackson club of Lincoln celebrated the Ohio and Iowa victories by indulging in a big ratification meeting at the court house. The band was employed and the jolly democrats formed a procession at the hall of the club and marched to the court house. Addresses were delivered by Robert Hanson and Col. J. E. Miller. L. B. Strong and John Lynch. The speakers were very enthusiastic and the audience more appreciative. Evidently Logan democrats are ready to do their share in the glorious work in redeeming this legislative district and the state of Illinois from the grip of the high taxes.

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FIRST LADIES' NIGHT.

A Delightful Evening at the Rooms of the Calumet Club.

The young men of the Calumet club are going to get more good wholesome enjoyment out of their organization than is to be had in any other way. That much was made evident by the delightful evening passed last night when the first dancing party was given the ladies. There was about it all an air of homeliness and relationship that made the evening doubly pleasant. The young men know how to entertain. That is certain.

The carpets in the large reading room and parlor were covered with canvas. The rich portieres were thrown to one side, so that the dancers could pass from one room to another freely. The opera house orchestra was stationed in the billiard room, between which and the parlor there are also portieres. The card room was used for its own purpose, card playing, and during the early part of the evening some good games there were enjoyed.

The reception committee was, L. E. Eymann, H. P. Page, H. C. Hord, John S. Bixby, James T. Roberts, Walter H. Boyd, L. E. Foster, Robert B. Lytle, Robert Mueller, and B. Irwin. They were well selected and most faithfully performed their duties. What was more they welcomed each guest with a cordiality that was real and earnest, and added not a little to the pleasure of the reception.

The ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps served supper in the store room next the opera house entrance. After the tenth number had been danced there was an intermission during which the entire company partook of the viands there so temptingly set forth.

It was after one this morning before the happy dancers thought of going home. Then it was not because they were tired, or wished to leave the beautiful rooms and charming surroundings, but because the 15 numbers on the program had been danced, the time set as most reasonable for departure had arrived. So the good nights were said, and the young people departed to wish for another ladies night, and to wonder if another one could be so thoroughly enjoyable.

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Waltz, Schottische, Quadrille, Newport, Waltz, Esmeralda, Quadrille.

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